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SUBJECT: ATLANTIC DECLARATION

1. WE RECENTLY GAVE AMBASSADOR RUMSFELD INSTRUCTIONS, PURSUANT TO YOUR EARLIER GUIDANCE, ON COMPROMISE FORMULATIONS WHICH HE HAD DEVELOPED, ON AD REFERENDUM BASIS, WITH FRENCH PERMREP DE ROSE. RUMSFELD REPORTED FEBRUARY 26 THAT DE ROSE STILL DID NOT HAVE INSTRUCTIONS; JOBERT HAD THE FLU AND DE ROSE WAS THUS UNABLE TO SEE HIM. WHILE WE HAVE SEEN INDEPENDENT PRESS REPORTS THAT JOBERT IS ILL WE ARE UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER THAT IS THE REAL REASON FOR DE ROSE'S LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS OR WHETHER JOBERT IS DELIBERATELY STALLING. THERE FOLLOWS A SUMMARY OF RUMSFELD'S REPORT ON MAJOR UNRESOLVED ISSUES IN THE NATO TEXT.

2. DIFFERENTIATION IN THE THREAT TO EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA. AS MATTERS NOW STAND, THE FRENCH HOLD TO A FORMULATION THAT REFERS TO THE "MORE SPECIFIC CHARACTER" OF THE PROBLEMS OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE AS A RESULT OF US-SOVIET STRATEGIC PARITY. DE ROSE SAID FRENCH MAY ALSO  
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SUGGEST RETURNING TO THEIR EARLIER LANGUAGE CONCERNING EUROPE'S VULNERABILITY "TO ALL FORMS OF CONFLICT," AND THEY STILL SUPPORT A PASSAGE THAT REFERS TO THE COMMON ALLIED AIM OF AVERTING AN ATTACK WHICH, "THROUGH

THE DESTRUCTION OF EUROPE'S RPT EUROPE'S INDEPENDENCE,"  
WOULD THREATEN THE DOMINATION OF THE WORLD.

3. FOR TIME BEING, FRENCH ALSO PREFER FORMULATION,  
"THERE IS NO PRESENT ALTERNATIVE" TO THE SECURITY PRO-  
VIDED BY US NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL FORCES. THEY  
CONTEND USE OF WORD "PRESENT" PUTS PRESSURE ON  
EUROPEANS TO PROVIDE FOR THEIR DEFENSE. DE ROSE  
PERSONALLY FAVORS OUR SUGGESTED COMPROMISE, "NO  
ALTERNATIVE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE," BUT DOES NOT  
KNOW WHETHER JOBERT WOULD ACCEPT IT.

4. PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR AGREEMENT. FINALLY,  
DE ROSE DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO DROP FRENCH  
PROPOSAL FOR AN EXPLICIT REFERENCE TO THE US-SOVIET  
AGREEMENT ON PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR. HE SAYS  
AGREEMENT IN PARIS AT QUOTE HIGHEST LEVEL UNQUOTE  
REQUIRED FOR THIS.

5. RUMSFELD REPORTS THAT DE ROSE STILL HOPES TO RECEIVE  
INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE POSSIBLE NAC MEETING ON FRIDAY,  
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